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CNS1201 SecDef Tells Navy's Newest Sailors, "America is Counting on You", story by Chief Navy Journalist Rhonda Burke, NTC Great Lakes Public Affairs

NAVAL TRAINING CENTER GREAT LAKES, Ill. (CNS) -- Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld told the Navy's newest Sailors, recently, that America is counting on them.

The Secretary was the reviewing officer at the Recruit Pass-in-Review Ceremony, Friday, Nov. 16. He took the salute of 615 of the Navy's newest Sailors. The pass-in-review ceremony marks the completion of nine weeks of basic training.

"On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the terrorists came to the U.S. and now we are taking the battle to them," he told the assembled crowd of Sailors, parents, family members and friends. "Some of you may soon be on a flight deck in the Arabian Sea and what you do will matter. No matter what the task, you will be an outpost of freedom helping to strike the enemy there before he strikes here."

At the Recruit Pass in Review, Rumsfeld reviewed the Sailors in formation, presented awards to the top graduates and delivered the keynote address. His first order to recruits in formation was to stand at ease. He asked them to applaud their parents for teaching them the value of patriotism that led them to volunteer to enlist in the Navy.

"You will be defending not just the honor of America, but the honor of your parents, brothers, sisters and friends," he told the Sailors. "You will learn a lot of about life on the deck of a ship, more than you may think."

Following the pass in review ceremony, the secretary held a press conference where he discussed the ongoing war in Afghanistan and the President's resolve to root out terrorism.

"The President has not forgotten the people killed [in the terrorists attacks]. He is aware of the threats that exist and he is prepared to continue to strike at those that harbor terrorists."

Rumsfeld is a Navy veteran, having served as a naval aviator from 1954-1957, following graduation from Princeton University. He is originally from the Chicago area.

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CNS1202    Navy Student Pilots Begin Training in Texan II  
Aircraft, story by Lt. Barbara Kelly, Chief of  
Naval Air Training/Navy Region South Public  
Affairs

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (CNS) -- The first class of Navy and Air Force student pilots to train exclusively in the T-6A Texan II aircraft began flying at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., on November 21.

This joint class of 15 students, Navy and Air Force, started academic training with the 3rd Flying Training Squadron, part of the 479<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Group, Moody Air Force Base in October.

"It is good working in a joint environment, working together. This way we can take the best of both worlds, the Navy and the Air Force, and combine them to create a better product. In our case that product is a better pilot," explained Lt. Merryl David, one of three Navy instructor pilots stationed at Moody.

The T-6A is the Navy's newest trainer aircraft. It will eventually replace the Navy's T-34C and Air Force T-37 aircrafts. It is a single-engine, two-seat primary trainer designed to provide entry-level flight training for student naval aviators, Air Force pilots and navigators. The aircraft is fully aerobatic and features a pressurized cockpit with an anti-gravity system, ejection seats and an advanced avionics package.

"The T-6A offers state-of-the-art avionics and a digital cockpit compared to the older T-34C. Modernizing our training assets is integral to naval aviation's overall readiness. Newer aircraft and training systems reduce the cost and time it takes to produce a trained aviator and provide a seamless transition to the fleet," said Chief of Naval Air Training, Rear Adm. John E. Boyington Jr.

"The T-6A is a great platform. I always like to say it is like a T-34C on steroids. The T-6 has more horsepower and a longer range," said David.

The Naval Air Training Command provides the Navy and Marine Corps with more than 1,200 quality aviators annually.

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CNS1203 Bales named NTTC Corry Top Instructor, story by Sandy Bansemer, NTTC Corry Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (CNS) -- Cryptologic Technician 1<sup>st</sup> Class (Surface Warfare-qualified) Korey L. Bales is Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Corry Station Instructor of the Quarter (IOQ) for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Bales, who reported to his present assignment as a CTA Basic "A" School instructor in March 2001, credits his selection as IOQ to his determination to succeed.

"Petty Officer Bales runs fulltime on afterburners," said supervisor Senior Chief Navy Cryptologic Technician Michael W. Meyer. "He's one of our new stars in an already exceptional group of instructors. He's only been aboard seven months, but he's already established a reputation as a first-rate instructor and petty officer.

"As a new instructor, he has challenged himself to become proficient," said Meyer. "He is consistently lauded in instructor critiques for his professionalism, and his class grade point average, which routinely is at the 95

percentile." Bales also fulfills seven collateral duty posts in addition to his classroom duties.

Division officer Lt. Cmdr. Susan K. Cerovsky describes Bales as a consummate professional who possesses all the characteristics of a model instructor. "He continuously strives for excellence, leading him into the most challenging assignments," she said.

The next goal for the Mattoon, Ill., native is to obtain Master Training Specialist certification. He's currently also working toward an associate degree through Pensacola Junior College.

During his off-duty hours, he participates in the Youth Motivator program, here, at Warrington Elementary School. He has also been involved in five Habitat for Humanity community projects, and served as master of ceremonies for Pensacola Area Special Olympics.

The nine-year Navy veteran has served in Rota, Spain; Washington, D.C.; Diego Garcia; and aboard the destroyer USS CUSHING (DD 985) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. He has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and two Good Conduct Medals.

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CNS1204    More Force Protection Training and Sleep May Be Ahead for Navy Recruits, story by Chief Navy

Journalist Rhonda Burke, NTC Great Lakes Public  
Affairs

NAVAL TRAINING CENTER GREAT LAKES, Ill. (CNS) -- Navy recruits in training may soon be receiving more anti-terrorism and force protection training as well as getting more rest under recommendations made by the Board of Advisors during its first meeting last week.

The 16-member Board of Advisors, comprised of the fleet and force master chief petty officers as well as command master chiefs of the major training commands, was designed to provide a means to review Recruit Training curricula and make recommendations on what Navy recruits should be learning in basic training.

The Board was challenged by Rear Adm. Ann E. Rondeau, commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, to critically look at the Basic Training curriculum and recommend changes necessary to produce Sailors for the 21st Century Navy.

"It is a different Navy and we need a different kind of Sailor," she said. "Today, the training mission is about equal to the operational one because it is the top how to fund the priority of our leadership." Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark has made training his top priority in his second year at the helm.

Chief of Naval Education and Training, Vice Adm. Al Harms, approved the panel's recommendations. Work will now be done at the command level to study how to implement the recommendations, including scheduling changes, and measures.

Commander, Naval Training Center Command Master Chief Jon Thompson initiated the concept for the Board of Advisors based on a suggestion by Cmdr. Robert Feinberg from the center's training department. The concept was then approved by senior leadership and with the assistance of CNET Force Master Chief Gregg Pratt, the board came together to study the boot camp curriculum at Great Lakes for four days.

"It is important that the fleet's senior enlisted leadership defines what our Sailors will look like," said Thompson. "The fleet is our true customer."

A recommendation that recruits in training be given an additional hour of sleep may be the easiest of the areas studied to implement according to Thompson. The most likely scenario is that Taps will be sounded for recruits at 9 p.m. vice 10 p.m. Currently recruits sleep from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. unless standing duty. Studies have shown that young adults learn more effectively and retain more information when they sleep seven to eight hours per night.

"The Navy is the only armed service that currently restricts the recruits' sleep to six hours per night. This recommendation would be in line with actions taken by the other branches of the armed services," said Carl Ross, dean of Training for the Naval Training Center.

Increased curriculum in force protection and anti-terrorism training will also likely be implemented based on the recommendations of the Board.

"I think, since the USS COLE incident last year, there has been a consensus that additional force protection and



anti-terrorism training needs to be implemented," said Thompson. "The question is how and where should that training be implemented."

Recruits currently train on laser-guided M-16 rifles and live-fire rounds from a 9-mm handgun. Under recommendations made by the board, recruits will fire additional 9-mm rounds and receive live-fire Mossberg 12-gauge-shotgun training.

"To implement this measure, we need to evaluate our current facilities. It may require additional facilities, funding and staff," Thompson said.

The board also made recommendations to lengthen holiday routine hours on Sundays so more recruits could participate in chapel services, have additional time for writing home, and building teamwork within the division.

The Board also looked at recommendations for increased operational risk management instruction and computer training.

The board will meet again in February 2002 to discuss implementing recommendations, and other generated issues.

"The concept is to have this board meet at a minimum of twice a year to discuss ongoing issues relative to boot camp training," Thompson said.

The Board of Advisors is an advisory body developed by CNET with representatives from operational and training commands.

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CNS1205    New Veteran's Affairs Web Site Promotes Vets-in-Schools Program, story by Veteran's Affairs Public Affairs

WASHINGTON D.C. (CNS) -- In support of President Bush's initiative to unite schools with America's veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has started a Web site, "The Veterans' Experience."

The new VA Web site will provide information to help teachers and veterans inform students about contributions veterans have made to the American way of life. The online educational materials are designed to help the President's new campaign, "America's Lessons in Liberty," which strives to bring a veteran to every school for Veterans Day, and as often as possible during the year.

The new site, hosted on VA's main site at <http://www.va.gov/veteranedu>, will link to sites operated by veterans' service organizations, civic education organizations and the VA's own Veterans Day section.

"No one can tell the story of our nation's struggles against the foes of freedom better than our veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. He added that veteran organizations already encourage members to reach out to schools with stories about military experiences, and VA's new Web site will support educational programs.

Principi emphasized that the President's call to veterans to offer themselves as guest speakers at schools

goes beyond Veterans Day and is a call also to students to recognize America's veterans.

The Web site will include examples of sacrifices by well-known veterans, information on the country's freedoms and explanations of popular American symbols of patriotism.

For more information on the Department of Veterans Affairs go to <http://www.va.gov>.

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CNS1206     Commander NTC Great Lakes visits NTTC Corry, story  
              by Sandy Bansemer, NTTC Corry Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (CNS) -- Rear Admiral Ann E. Rondeau commander, Navy Training Center (NTC), Great Lakes, Ill., recently visited Pensacola for briefings with the Chief of Naval Education and Training staff. While in Pensacola, the admiral visited Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Corry Station for a first-hand look at the follow-on training, and base environment for Sailors reporting to NTTC upon graduating from NTC Great Lakes.

Following a windshield tour of the base, Rondeau visited the Navy Military Training (NMT) center, the single point of student management at Corry that continues the Sailorization process from Recruit Training for entry-level students. The program includes student indoctrination; watch standing procedures; how to prepare for personnel, seabag, and wall locker inspections; bachelor enlisted quarters processing; and other required General Military Training topics.

Senior Chief Navy Cryptologic Technician Blake J. Conti, NMT leading chief petty officer, briefed the admiral on the specifics of the NMT program and the length of time required completing each phase. "The admiral was impressed with the program layout, and leaderships' passion in instructing the program," he said.

Rondeau also visited an Automated Electronic Classroom in the Basic Signals Analysis "A" school, where she was briefed by classroom instructor Cryptologic Technician 1<sup>st</sup> Class Darold B. Little. Her final stop was the Naval Security Group Display housed at Corry.

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CNS1207    Pre-Commissioning Unit MCCAMPBELL Leaders Visit  
Crew-In-Training at NTC Great Lakes, story by  
Chief Navy Journalist Rhonda Burke, NTC Great  
Lakes Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (CNS) -- Aiming to forge a team prepared to commission the Navy's newest guided missile destroyer, the leadership of the Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) MCCAMPBELL (DDG 85) traveled to Naval Training Center Great Lakes recently to visit with Sailors under orders to the ship and who are still completing apprentice and recruit training.

"You make up the rest of our crew," said Cmdr. Mark Montgomery, prospective commanding officer of PCU MCCAMPBELL. "You will have an important role to play in bringing the MCCAMPBELL to life and serving on her first crew."

Montgomery, who was accompanied by the ship's prospective executive officer, Cmdr. Skip Shaw, Command Master Chief Mick Fulton and leading Boatswain Mate 1st Class (Surface warfare-qualified) Karen Vigliotti, said visiting with this final element of the crew was important to what he feels is the ship's mission.

"I wanted them [prospective crewmembers] to meet the people that are going to lead them for the next three years," Montgomery said. "I want them to know where to turn if they have problems and to understand that their leadership team cares about them and is here to support them."

During an informal gathering at the seaman trainer, a mock ship designed to train Sailors in shipboard evolutions, the crew leaders spoke with the Sailors and told them what to expect in reporting to the PCU.

Following apprentice training, these Sailors will report to Fleet Training Center, San Diego, Calif., to work with other members of the PCU and undergo fire-fighting training, damage control, and other fleet training to prepare them to take custody of the ship. In early 2002, they will transfer the unit to Bath, Maine, where the ship is now under construction.

"You will be learning these shipboard systems along with the rest of the crew, so it is important that you are ready for the job," said Fulton, who distributed welcome aboard books to each of the prospective crewmembers. The prospective crewmembers also received command ball caps from the commanding officer.

"I just have a million questions and I'm excited to have the chance to meet people from my ship and know more about it," said Seaman Recruit Treasure Jackson, 22, of Lake Arrowhead, Calif., who completed boot camp recently and is now attending seaman apprentice school.

MCCAMPBELL is slated to be commissioned in March 2002 in San Francisco, and will be homeported in San Diego.

For more information on NTC Great Lakes, go to <http://www.ntcgl.navy.mil>.

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CNS1208     NTTC hosts Navy College Rating Partner Schools, story by Sandy Bansemer, NTTC Corry Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (CNS) -- Two years ago the Navy implemented an enhanced voluntary education program that expands the opportunities for Sailors to pursue college degrees. New partnerships were developed with colleges and universities to offer rating-related degrees via distance learning to Sailors everywhere. The Navy College Rating Partner Schools program supports the Sailor's mobile lifestyle and builds on the academic credit earned for Navy training and on-the-job work experience.

In September Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC) Corry Station invited 10 partner colleges affiliated with the cryptologic and electronic warfare technician ratings to visit Pensacola to learn more about one of the Navy's finest technical training centers. The visit would also allow them to educate Sailors on the benefits of

affiliating with Navy College Rating Partner Schools following completion of their training at Corry.

Capt. Edward H. Deets III, commanding officer of NTTC, recently hosted Meg Benke, dean of the Center for Distance Learning, State University of New York-Empire State College (SUNY-ESC), during a visit to reinforce the partnership established with the command. SUNY-ESC, the first of five Navy College Program (NPC) partners accepting the invitation to visit the training center, offers degrees in more than 15 educational areas for more than 23 Navy ratings.

Benke met with Deets, the Director of Training, and training department division officers during a working lunch. Deets briefed her on the importance of NTTC's training mission and the potential that the Navy College Rating Partner Schools program offers Sailors earning college credit through their "A" and "C" school courses.

Deets said, and Benke agreed, "All of us learned a great deal that will help improve what we do for our students with our Navy College Partners."

Following the commanding officer's brief and a tour of Basic Instructor training, the Information Systems division, and the Signals Analysis training simulator, Benke delivered an informative presentation on the many opportunities for further education offered by SUNY-ESC to more than 80 Sailors.

"This visit was invaluable," said Benke. "I am happy to be the first of the Navy College Partners to visit, and I hope I won't be the last. I am meeting with several of

the NCP members in Orlando later in the week, and I'm anxious to share what I've learned here."

The evolution of distance education and the Navy's commitment to Navy E-Learning allows Sailors to enroll in Empire State College or any of 15 other Navy College Partners from nearly any Navy duty station in the world.

James Cronin of the University of Maryland-College Park will be the next to visit and exchange information with staff and students. Representatives of Old Dominion University, Rogers State University, and Troy State University will visit over the next few months.

Increase your opportunities for a college education. Contact your local Navy College Office, or get more information at [www.navycollege.navy.mil](http://www.navycollege.navy.mil).

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CNS1209     2nd Annual City-Wide Junior ROTC Drill Meet for  
New York City, by Lt. Pete Small, State University  
of New York Naval ROTC Public Affairs

FORT SCHUYLER, N.Y. (CNS) -- The Naval ROTC Unit at the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College, hosted the second annual New York City Junior ROTC Drill Meet recently. Approximately 500 high-school students from 16 Junior ROTC Units competed on the campus of SUNY Maritime in 15 different events over two days.

Riverhead High School Navy Junior ROTC, Riverhead, N.Y., took the overall championship that was based on performance in eight of the fifteen events. They were



presented with the championship "Perpetual Cup" trophy, which they will keep until next year's drill competition. Riverhead was also the winner of the first citywide drill meet at SUNY Maritime College held in February. William Floyd High School Navy Junior ROTC, Mastic Beach, N.Y., and Linden High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC, Linden, N.J., placed second and third in the overall competition, respectively. Trophies were awarded for first, second, and third places in each event, in addition to the overall trophies. Thirteen of the 16 schools that participated took home at least one trophy. Team events included platoon armed (with rifles) and trick drill; squad armed, unarmed, and trick drill; color guard competition; two man trick drill; individual drill knockout; uniform inspection; tug-of-war and physical fitness relay races.

Cadets also competed in two individual events: first year and upper-class individual knockout, where 60 and 120 cadets competed respectively for the honor of being the best cadet for the weekend. In the upper-class division, which pitted 120 cadets while performing drill movements with rifles, Cadet Samantha Demuria, a 17-year-old senior at William Floyd High School Navy Junior ROTC edged out two other cadets from the High School of Graphic Arts Navy Junior ROTC Unit. In the first year competition, freshman Anthony Purcell, 15, from Lincoln High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC, had the edge over 60 other first year cadets. Both events highlighted the weekend. Spectators cheered for their favorites, while four enlisted Marines played the part of the critical judges and made the very tough choices for the top cadets.

Two crisp, clear days and the beautiful campus of SUNY Maritime College, located in the Throgs Neck section of the Bronx, contributed to the overwhelming success of the event. Of the money raised by the event, \$2,200 was donated to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, Army Emergency Relief Society, and Air Force Emergency Relief Society.

Marine Corps Junior ROTC Units from the following schools participated:

Ben Salem High School, Ben Salem, N.Y.,  
Elizabeth High School, Elizabeth, N.J.,  
Emerson High School, Union City, N.J.,  
Lincoln High School, Yonkers, N.Y.,  
Reading School District, Reading, N.Y.,  
Hempstead High School, Hempstead, N.Y.;

Navy Junior ROTC Units from the following schools competed:

Harrisburg High School, Harrisburg, Pa.,  
High School of Graphic Arts, New York City, N.Y.,  
Linden High School, Linden, N.J.,  
Middletown High School, Middletown, N.Y.,  
North Rockland High School, Thells, N.Y.,  
Riverhead High School, Riverhead, N.Y.,  
Southold High School, Southold, N.Y.,  
William Floyd High School, Mastic Beach, N.Y.;

The Air Force Junior ROTC Units from Evander Childs High School, Bronx, N.Y., and Franklin K. Lane High School, Brooklyn, N.Y. also competed.

The Junior ROTC Drill Competition is an annual event open to all area Junior ROTC Units and is held in November. The event has grown from the original one of five schools

and 150 cadets to 16 schools and 500 cadets. Future events are expected to be even larger.

The SUNY Maritime Naval ROTC Unit is Greater New York's only Naval ROTC Unit, and one of four in the state. Naval ROTC graduates each receive a commission in either the Navy or Marine Corps Reserve, and serve on active duty upon receiving a bachelor's degree. The Navy Junior ROTC instills the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment in high school students.

For more information on the SUNY Maritime Naval ROTC Unit, visit its Web site at [www.sunymaritime.edu/rotc](http://www.sunymaritime.edu/rotc). For more information on the Naval ROTC program visit [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil).

For information on the Armed Forces Junior ROTC programs visit:

[www.njrotc.navy.mil](http://www.njrotc.navy.mil) (for Navy)

[www.tecom.usmc.mil/jrotc](http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/jrotc) (for Marine Corps)

[www.rotc.monroe.army.mil/jrotc](http://www.rotc.monroe.army.mil/jrotc) (for Army)

[www.afoats.af.mil/AFJROTC.htm](http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFJROTC.htm) (for Air Force)

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CNS1210     Saturday Scholars Program a Success at Holm  
              Elementary School, story by Sandy Bansemer, NTTC  
              Corry Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (CNS) -- For soldiers, Sailors, Marines and airmen at Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Corry Station, the arrival of autumn means the return of the ever-popular Saturday Scholars program, which pairs 50

Corry "A" school students with 50 Escambia County elementary school students for six consecutive Saturdays.

The training center was the second Navy command to implement the Saturday Scholars program in 1985, and today boasts the longest-running program in the military.

This session students at Holm Elementary School in Northeast Pensacola have been working with tutors on the "three R's" and, perhaps more importantly, on making new friends.

Holm students say they don't mind going to school on Saturdays - in fact, they look forward to it. "I get extra help," said Saturday Scholar Coty Pace. "And I have plenty to do on Saturdays instead of not doing anything."

Fifth-grader Taylor Rhodes said he's having fun, but what he likes best about the program is "... mostly just learning." And 11-year-old Fredricka Burgess added, "I like my tutor. She's funny."

DeAnna King, instructional technologist at Holm Elementary, says the program is very important, and not only because of the tutoring the children receive in reading, writing and math activities each week. "A lot of them [the students] just need some extra special attention," she said. "Most of the kids here have bonded with their military mentors."

"It's amazing that we have had so few students not show up on a Saturday, especially when most of them have to walk or hitch a ride to get here."

"All week long they say, 'I'll see you Saturday Ms. King. I'll see you Saturday.' I had one little boy waiting when I got here at 7 o'clock this morning. So they're anxious to be here," said King. "I think we have such a busy world that this is just so nice for the children to have someone who can provide special attention just for them ... to work one-on-one with them."

The general consensus among the mentors from Corry Station is that they aren't giving up their Saturdays at all. "I like it [Saturday Scholars] a lot," said tutor Cryptologic Technician Gabrielle Hoffman. "I love working with kids, and it gives me something to do. I'm not just sitting around on base."

The students and their tutors said their good-byes at this session's recent graduation ceremony. But the students and tutors alike say this won't mean an end to their newly formed friendships. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jason Righter says he and his student, 10-year-old Mark Yepishin, will be longtime friends. "This is a good opportunity we're offered through Saturday Scholars," said Righter. "Mark is a great kid ... very smart, very bright."

Master Chief Cryptologic Technician Douglas S. Lomet served as NTTC's Saturday Scholars program coordinator for this session with assistance from Master Chief Cryptologic Technician David Clark.

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